

Claims

[c1]

1.A method for using a computer to facilitate both a purchase of at least one ticket to an event by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers and a sale of at least one ticket to an event by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers, comprising,

in the case of a purchase by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers:

obtaining a desired number of tickets and price zone from the buyer;

displaying to the buyer any offers to sell currently posted by potential sellers of the desired number of tickets in the desired price zone, the display including a selling price for the tickets and a first transaction fee corresponding to each offer to sell;

determining from the buyer whether the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to sell or to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, and

if the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently outstanding offers to sell, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the selling price and the first transaction fee corresponding to the accepted offer to sell, or

if the buyer wishes to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the specified buying price and the first transaction fee; and

in the case of a sale by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers:

obtaining the number of tickets and price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell;

displaying to the seller any offers to buy currently posted by potential buyers of the number of tickets in the price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell, the display including a specified selling price, a second transaction fee, and a courier pickup fee corresponding to each offer to buy; and

determining from the seller whether the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy or to post an offer to sell the tickets that the seller desires to sell at a price specified by the seller, and

if the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy, then charging a courier pickup fee to a credit card account of the seller for picking up the tickets, or

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if the seller wishes to post an offer to sell the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a courier pickup fee to a credit card account of the seller for picking up the tickets, the preauthorized fee to be charged upon acceptance of the offer by one of the potential buyers, so that in both cases the purchase and sale may be completed by charging the preauthorized charge to the buyer and crediting the amount so charged to the credit card of the seller less a second transaction fee.

[c2]

2.A method for using a computer to facilitate both a purchase of at least one ticket to an event by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers and a sale of at least one ticket to an event by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers, comprising,

in the case of a purchase by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers:
obtaining a desired number of tickets and price zone from the buyer;
displaying to the buyer any offers to sell currently posted by potential sellers of the desired number of tickets in the desired price zone, the display including a selling price for the tickets corresponding to each offer to sell;
determining from the buyer whether the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to sell or to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, and

if the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently outstanding offers to sell, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the selling price corresponding to the accepted offer to sell, or

if the buyer wishes to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the specified buying price; and

in the case of a sale by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers:

obtaining the number of tickets and price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell;

displaying to the seller any offers to buy currently posted by potential buyers of the number of tickets in the price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell, the display including a specified selling price and a courier pickup fee corresponding to each offer to buy; and

determining from the seller whether the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy or to post an offer to sell the tickets that the seller desires to sell at a price specified by the seller, and
if the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy, then charging a courier pickup fee to a credit card account of the seller for picking up the tickets, or
if the seller wishes to post an offer to sell the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a courier pickup fee to a credit card account of the seller for picking up the tickets, the preauthorized fee to be charged upon acceptance of the offer by one of the potential buyers,
so that in both cases the purchase and sale may be completed by charging the preauthorized charge to the buyer and crediting the amount so charged to the credit card of the seller.

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3.A method for using a computer to facilitate both a purchase of at least one ticket to an event by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers and a sale of at least one ticket to an event by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers, comprising
in the case of a purchase by a buyer from one of a group of potential sellers:
obtaining a desired number of tickets and price zone from the buyer;
displaying to the buyer any offers to sell currently posted by potential sellers of the desired number of tickets in the desired price zone, the display including a selling price for the tickets corresponding to each offer to sell; and
determining from the buyer whether the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to sell or to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, and
if the buyer wishes to accept one of the currently outstanding offers to sell, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the selling price corresponding to the accepted offer to sell, or
if the buyer wishes to post an offer to buy the desired number of tickets at a specified price, then preauthorizing a charge to a credit card account of the buyer for the specified buying price, and
in the case of a sale by a seller to one of a group of potential buyers:

obtaining the number of tickets and price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell;
displaying to the seller any offers to buy currently posted by potential buyers of the number of tickets in the price zone of the tickets that the seller desires to sell, the display including a specified selling price corresponding to each offer to buy; and
determining from the seller whether the seller wishes to accept one of the currently posted offers to buy or to post an offer to sell the tickets that the seller desires to sell at a price specified by the seller,
so that in both cases the purchase and sale may be completed by charging the preauthorized charge to the buyer and crediting the amount so charged to the credit card of the seller.

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